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U.S. Agrees to Limit Use Of Scientology Papers

The federal government agreed yesterday to limit the dissemination of materials seized from the Church of Scientology in Friday raids here and in Los Angeles pending a further hearing, possibly later this week, over whether the search warrant was legal.

Assistant U. S. attorney Brian Shaughnessy said at a court hearing yesterday the files would be used only in a pending criminal investigation of an alleged church plot to infiltrate the government, and said that had been the only government plan for the documents anyway. Church attorneys had asked that the documents be impounded by the court, alleging that the government had planned to use the materials in defending civil lawsuits the Scientologists have filed against the government.

U. S. District Chief Judge William B. Bryant said he felt the impoundment order was unnecessary, considering the government's agreement to control the documents.